pay a fine. The grass in the State Forest is of no use to Government but is wasted by fire during summer. The raiyats may therefore be permitted to graze their cattle free in the State Forests close to their villages.

(2) Cattle may be allowed to graze free in the State Forests as there is fodder and water scarcity owing to want of rains.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Concession for removing *bamboos* for putting up fences to cattle sheds.

Mr. Santappa Setty, Kadur District Board.

Summary of Representation.—For putting up fences to protect the sugar-cane crop and the crops in garden and wet lands from being damaged by wicked animals and cattle, *bamboos* and *seboo* are essential. The raiyats have now the privilege of taking *bamboos* split from forests for putting up fences by means of a *mafi* license. Raiyats may be allowed by a *mafi* license to take *bamboos* for fences to their cattle sheds also.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Permission to cut and appropriate *'Kiri Bidaru'* clumps growing in State Forests for another period of three years.

Mr. M. Subba Rao. Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—When all the *'Hebbidaru'* clumps in District Forests died out three years ago, permission was granted to raiyats to cut the thorns they required from *'Kiri Bidaru'* clumps growing in State Forests. This concession was to be current for a period of three years. Since the *Hebbidaru* trees in the District Forests are not yet big enough for cutting thorns from, this concession might be continued for another period of three years.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Disposal of *honge* leaves and seeds.

Messrs. Rama Reddi, Bowringpet Taluk; K. Venkataratnam Chetty, Chintamani Taluk; Narayana Reddi and Chik Rama Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk, and Seenappa, Kolar District Board; Kanni Settappa and D. Venkatarayappa, Chikballapur Taluk and Venkataramaiya, Nagamangala Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—(1) *Honge* leaves were being formerly distributed among the raiyats of the villages; but the disposal has since been vested in the Forest Officers with the result, that the Forest Officers sell them by auction, and in many cases, persons from other villages purchase the produce, much to the loss of the raiyats of the village to which the *honge* trees belong. This practice may be put a stop to and old rules revived.

(2) *Honge* leaves are auctioned every year by the Forest Department at each taluk head-quarter and no notice of the sale is given to villagers. These sales may be ordered to be held at villages where the leaves really exist.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Selling timber to *bona fide* house builders at concession rates.

Messrs. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk; Siddagangappa, Ramasamudra Municipality; Venkatasamaiya and Dorasami Iyengar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—About a year and half ago, the Forest Department increased the price of timber by three to four hundred per cent. Since then, few people have built houses in towns and fewer in villages near forest regions. Houses cannot even be repaired because of this high cost of timber. This accounts for the depopulation of jungle and *malnad* regions. Timber may therefore be sold at concession rates to *bona fide* house builders. If this cannot be done to all, at least, people living in villages may be shown this concession.